



# Tempe Public Art

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## Garry Price

*Transit Shelter, 1995*

Textured stainless steel

### Location:

SWC of Mill Avenue and  
University Drive

Photo by: Aaron Thacker

**Description:** Tempe's goal with the Artist Designed Transit Shelters is to encourage people to use the public transportation by making it attractive, innovative and functional. Price, inspired by deconstructionist architecture, designed this postmodern transit shelter in 1994. At the time of the project's conception, the artist's house was struck by lightning. This indirectly inspired the use of a durable and easily repairable material, such as stainless steel. Also, Price made sure that the structure was adequately grounded to prevent lightning strikes from injuring passengers. This shelter is intended to serve as a functional and beautiful place for bus passengers to rest as they wait for their next ride.

This bus shelter is part of the Tempe Transit Shelters project which earned the City of Tempe the 1995 Valley Forward Environmental Excellence Award for Art in Public Places.

**Artist biography:** Garry Price was born in 1952 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In 1984 he graduated Cum Laude from Arizona State University's Bachelor of Fine Arts program with an emphasis in ceramics. Price then continued to do graduate research at ASU until 1986. Since leaving, Price has shown his sculptural artwork widely and has works in many collections in the United States and abroad, including The Embassy Suites in New York and The Tokyo Hilton in Japan.

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